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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: REACTION TO TRINIDAD VOTE

REF: A) STATE 288064; B) PORT OF SPAIN 2958; C) STATE 292074
(ALL NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH DECEMBER 18 TO DISCUSS USG REACTION TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S ABSTENTIONS ON KOREA VOTES IN THE UNGA. DURING DISCUSSION I COVERED FULLY THE POINTS IN STATE 288064 (REF A) AND MINISTER'S AIDE TOOK NOTES.

2. DR. JOSEPH REACTED QUITE NEGATIVELY TO THIS REPRESENTATION. HE SAID USG "PUSHED TOO HARD ON KOREA" AND DID NOT ALLOW GOTT ANY "SELF RESPECT." STRESSING USG REGARD FOR GOTT AND OUR GOVERNMENTS' COMMON SUPPORT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES DEAR TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES, I MOLLIFIED FOREIGN MINISTER SOMEWHAT, BUT HE WAS NOT PLEASED. AT THE CLOSE OF OUR DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT I PROVIDE HIM WITH AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR CONVERSATION SO THAT HE COULD PURSUE THIS SUBJECT FURTHER. DR. JOSEPH WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH SECRETARY'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 21 TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS.

3. COMMENT: AS PREDICTED REF B, THIS WAS NOT A CONSTRUCTIVE EXERCISE. HOWEVER, IT WAS CERTAINLY LESS NEGATIVE

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IN EFFECT THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF I HAD BEEN REQUIRED
TO DISCUSS IT WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS AS DEPT.
ORIGINALLY INSTRUCTED. APPRECIATE SUBSEQUENT DISCRETION
AUTHORIZED REF C. ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT AIDE MEMOIRE MAY
EVEN FURTHER HARDEN GOTT RESENTMENT AT USG REACTION, IT
DOES OFFER SOME PROSPECT OF FOLLOW-UP AND IN VIEW OF
MINISTER JOSEPH'S REQUEST I AM OF COURSE PROVIDING AIDE
MEMOIRE TO HIM OUTLINING SUBSTANCE OF REF A WHICH I
DISCUSSED WITH HIM TODAY.
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